



City of Beacon

Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508

Minutes

October 22, 2020 at 9 am

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) met via video call.

Attendees: Committee Chair Matthew Dubetsky, Police Chief Sands Frost, Fire Chief Gary VanVoorhis, Highway Superintendent Michael Manzi, Planning Board Representative Jill Reynolds, Committee Secretary Collin Milone

➤ **Old Business**

1. Update on parking regulations near Mount Beacon

➤ **New Business**

1. Churchill St. and Main St.
2. Fishkill Ave. Parking
3. Fishkill Ave. Convex Mirror
4. Conklin St. Parking

➤ **Old Business**

1. Update on parking regulations near Mount Beacon

October: Collin Milone updated the Committee on the status of a proposed local law to restrict parking on parts of Mountain Lane, Exeter Circle, and Pocket Road. A Public Hearing was held and closed on October 19th. The City Council will be voting on the proposal on November 2nd.

➤ **New Business**

1. Churchill St. and Main St.

Need to look at 'dangerous' intersection To the Editor: I had the opportunity to sit and observe the intersection of Main Street/Tioronda Avenue/Churchill Street for over 10 hours on Sunday, September 21 and Sunday, September 27. During that time I witnessed a number near-accidents involving both cars and pedestrians. This intersection has been a known problem for years, and multiple traffic studies have been done, with recommendations made for various traffic calming measures, including a stop sign on the corner of Tioronda and Main Street in front of the Howland Cultural Center. Both residents and visitors to our city do not slow down at "the bend" and it truly is only a matter of time before a tragedy occurs. [The Council] should make this a priority before there is a serious injury or death. Additionally, on Sunday, September 27 (also the Spirit of Beacon Day) there was a profusion of trash and other detritus overflowing the two trashcans on the north side of the street. Alcoholic beverage containers, coffee cups, pizza boxes, etc, piled up in the trash can and on the street below. It might be worth looking at how to mitigate that as well. It was like nothing I've ever seen before, and unfortunately right in front of the "Jewel of Beacon," The Howland Cultural Center. It looked like to me as if there is very little attention paid, care taken, or pride in our city. We need to do better.

October: The Committee requested an update from the Main Street Access Committee for the next meeting. This item will be discussed at the November Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

2. Fishkill Ave. Parking

Main Street Access Advisory Committee Co-Chair Sara Pasti joined the Traffic Safety Committee to discuss parking on Fishkill Avenue. See the attached map.

October: Main Street Access Advisory Committee Co-Chair Sara Pasti briefed the Committee on a parking proposal at the Main Street and Fishkill Avenue intersection. The Committee requested a additional information from the Main Street Access Committee for the next meeting. This item will be discussed at the November Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

3. Fishkill Avenue Convex Mirror

See the message below from a resident.

I am writing to request a convex mirror be placed on a telephone pole opposite our driveway. We are located on Fishkill Avenue and we are not able to see oncoming traffic until we are halfway into the street which is very unsettling. If you could tell me how to go about sending this request to the most appropriate place, I would greatly appreciate it. I have contacted the Vehicles and Traffic department and Dutchess County but I am not having any luck.

October: The Committee directed Collin Milone to write a letter to the resident. The letter recommends the resident reach out to Central Hudson as the pole itself belongs to Central Hudson. Secondly, the letter recommends reaching out to New York State Department of Transportation to determine the legality of putting a convex mirror up on New York State Route 52.

4. Conklin Street Parking

October: Matthew Dubetsky recommended moving the no parking zone from the north side of Conklin St. to the south side from Fishkill Avenue to Meade Avenue and moving the two hour parking from the south side of Conklin to the north side from Fishkill Avenue to Meade Avenue.